

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for interrupting power to at least one peripheral device upon the extinguishing of power to a primary device ~~personal computer~~, the system comprising:

a personal computer ~~having a central processing unit and a power supply that receives electrical energy from an external electrical energy source associated therewith;~~

a power cord ~~connected to the power supply for providing electrical energy to the power supply central processing unit;~~

a power strip having at least one ~~unswitched and at least one~~ switched outlet socket, each adapted to receive an a standard electrical power cord plug from the at least one peripheral device;

a voltage means for sensing device that detects the presence of an operating a low voltage of signal from the personal computer; the operating voltage being less than a voltage associated with power supplied by the external electrical energy source; and

a ~~synchronous transfer switch, coupled~~ connected to the voltage means for sensing device, for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from the external ~~[[an]]~~ electrical energy source to the at least one switched outlet outlets upon the sensing of the presence or the absence, respectively, of the operating low voltage of the computer signal from the voltage means for sensing device; and

said power cord electrically connected to one of the at least one unswitched sockets of the power strip.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The system of Claim 1, wherein the voltage means for sensing device comprises the presence of a low voltage signal from the personal computer is a 5 Volt power tap.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a female DIN mouse socket of the ~~personal~~ computer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a female DIN keyboard socket of the ~~personal~~ computer.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a female DIN socket associated with a PC model XT or AT.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with the computer [[PC]].

Claim 7 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a universal serial bus hub.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a front USB hub.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The system of Claim 2, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a USB/hub splitter for a notebook PC.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A system for interrupting power to at least one secondary device ~~peripheral devices~~ upon the extinguishing of power to a primary device [[PC]], the primary device [[PC]] ~~having a central processing unit and a power supply~~ receiving electrical energy

from an external electrical energy source associated therewith, and a power cord connected to the power supply for providing electrical energy to the central processing unit, the system comprising:

a power strip having at least one ~~unswitched and at least one~~ switched outlet socket, each adapted to receive an a standard electrical power cord plug from the at least one secondary device;

a voltage means for sensing device that detects the presence of an operating a low voltage of signal from the primary device personal computer, the operating voltage being less than a voltage associated with power supplied by the external electrical energy source; and

a ~~synchronous transfer switch, coupled~~ connected to the voltage means for sensing device, for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from the external an electrical energy source to the at least one switched outlet outlets upon the sensing of the presence or the absence, respectively, of the operating low voltage of the primary device signal from the voltage means for sensing device; and

said power cord electrically connected to one of the at least one unswitched outlets of the power strip.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10, where in the voltage means for sensing device comprises the presence of a low voltage signal from the personal computer unit is a 5 Volt power tap.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer switch~~ to a female DIN mouse socket of the personal computer.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer switch~~ to a female DIN keyboard socket of the personal computer.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the primary device is a model XT or AT personal computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which

electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a female DIN socket associated with the primary device ~~a PC model XT or AT~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the primary device is a computer and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with the computer [[PC]].

Claim 16 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a universal serial bus hub.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a front USB hub.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The system of Claim 11, wherein the primary device is a notebook PC and wherein the 5 Volt power tap includes a cable which electrically connects the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch to a USB female socket associated with a USB/hub splitter for the notebook PC.

Claim 19 (original): A system for interrupting power to peripheral devices upon the extinguishing of power to a personal computer, the personal computer having a central processing unit and a power supply associated therewith, and a power cord connected to the power supply for providing electrical energy to the central processing unit, the system comprising:

- a power strip having at least one unswitched and at least one switched socket, each adapted to receive a standard electrical power cord plug;
- means for sensing the presence of a low voltage signal from the personal computer;
- a synchronous transfer switch connected to the means for sensing for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from an electrical energy source to the switched outlets

upon the sensing of the presence or the absence, respectively, of the low voltage signal from the means for sensing;

said power cord electrically connected to one of the at least one unswitched outlets of the power strip; and

wherein the means for sensing comprises a low voltage power tap which includes a cable for electrically connecting the synchronous transfer switch with a female DIN socket associated with the personal computer and with a female USB connector associated with the personal computer.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method for causing at least one secondary device to become energized and de-energized substantially simultaneously with a primary device[[,]] through the use of an electrical power strip device of the type having at least one ~~unswitched and at least one~~ switched outlet socket, each adapted to receive an a standard electrical power cord plug, a voltage power tap means for sensing the presence or absence of an operating a low voltage of ~~signal from~~ the primary device, and a synchronous transfer switch connected to the voltage power tap means for sensing for selectively supplying or depriving electrical energy from an external electrical energy source to the at least one switched outlet outlets upon the sensing of the presence or the absence, respectively, of the operating low voltage signal from the voltage power tap means for sensing, and a power cord electrically connected between the primary device and ~~at least one of the unswitched outlets of the power strip~~, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting the power cord to one of the unswitched outlets of the power strip;

connecting at least one secondary device to the at least one switched outlet socket; and

coupling communicating the synchronous transfer switch to the with a low voltage power tap output socket associated with the primary device such that when the primary device is ~~de-energized~~ energized and the voltage power tap is not supplying any voltage to the switch, the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch will be open to prevent current from passing to the at least one secondary device device(s), and when the primary device is energized and the voltage power tap is supplying a voltage that is greater than zero, but less than a voltage of the external electrical energy source, the ~~synchronous transfer~~ switch will close so as to permit power to pass through the at least one switched outlet socket(s) to the at least one secondary device device(s); and ~~wherein the means for sensing is a low voltage power tap cable.~~

Claim 21 (new): The system of claim 1, wherein the power strip further includes at least one unswitched outlet that is not supplied or deprived electrical energy by the switch.

Claim 22 (new): The system of claim 21, wherein the computer further includes a power cord that couples the external electrical energy source to the computer and wherein the power cord of the computer is plugged into the at least one unswitched outlet of the power strip.

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Claim 23 (new): The system of claim 1, wherein the switch comprises one of a synchronous transfer switch and a relay.

Claim 24 (new): The system of claim 10, wherein the power strip further includes at least one unswitched outlet that is not supplied or deprived electrical energy by the switch.

Claim 25 (new): The system of claim 21, wherein the switch comprises one of a synchronous transfer switch and a relay.
